

FORM PTO-1083

Docket No.: 331.1045  
Date: February 23, 2006Mail Stop: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450In re application of: **Detlef CORDTS et al.**  
Serial No.: 10/620,482  
Filed: 07/16/2003  
For: **COUPLING**

Sir:

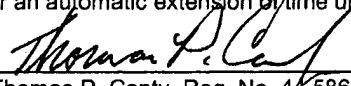
Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Office Action (10 pages)** in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.  
☐ Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.  
☒ No fee for additional claims is required.  
☐ A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

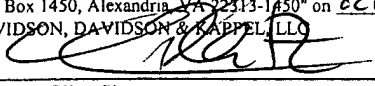
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	AFTER		PAID FOR	EXTRA					
	AMENDMENT								
TOTAL CLAIMS	0	Minus 20	=	0	x \$ 25	\$		x \$ 50	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS	0	Minus 3	=	0	x \$100	\$		x \$200	\$
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					TOTAL:	\$	OR	TOTAL:	\$

- \* If the entry in Co. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.  
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- ☐ Also transmitted herewith are:  
☐ Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
☐ Other:
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0 is/are attached to cover:  
☐ Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16  
☐ Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
☐ Other:
- ☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
- ☒ Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
- ☒ Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

  
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Appl. No. 10/620,482  
Amendment dated February 22, 2006  
Reply to Office Action dated November 28, 2005

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:            Application No:        10/620,482                      Confirmation No.: 9078  
                  Applicant:            Detlef CORDTS et al.  
                  Filed:                      July 16, 2003  
                  Title:                      COUPLING  
                  Art Unit:                  3679  
                  Examiner:                Gregory John Binda  
                  Customer No.:            23280  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2005, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: